**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* You can take it as Rs. 1,500 or Rs. 2,000.

**Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon** *(Kattur):* Will the Government inquire into the matter of bridges once again?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I will do that.

## GRATUITIES SANCTIONED BY THE CEYLON GOVERNMENT— DISBURSEMENT OF

**97. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas- Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of persons to whom gratuities sanctioned by the Ceylon Government were disbursed through Cochin treasuries;

(*b*) the amount so disbursed;

(*c*) the balance to be paid?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Information cannot be furnished, since the period is not defined.

(*c*) The balance to be paid at the end of May 1940 in respect of sanctions received till that date was Rs. 13,797—12—4.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know when the Government got the first requisition from the Ceylon Government to disburse these gratuities through our treasuries.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* I want notice.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier** *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know what is the delay in disbursing the amount?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There is no delay on our part.

## LICENSES UNDER NEWSPAPERS ACT

**98. Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any provision in the Newspapers Act to the effect that if the printer and publisher of a newspaper is dead, *ipso facto*, the license for the paper is cancelled;

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